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SUBJECT: EC FOOD AID TO SRI LANKA

REF: (A) STATE 145622; (B) EC BRUSSELS 4834; (C) STATE 78978;
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1. AN EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL INFORMED US THAT THE EC INTENDS TO CARRY OUT ITS FOOD AID COMMITMENT TO SRILANKA NOW THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ARE OVER. THIS IS BEING DONE BEFORE THE FOOD AID AGREEMENT IS SIGNED BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY OF SRI LANKA'S NEEDS.

2. SRI LANKA HAS ACCEPTED THE LATEST EC PROPOSAL FOR A UMR OF 100,000 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT. THE U.S. HAD STATED ITS PREFERENCE FOR A RENEWAL OF LAST YEAR'S UMR OF 50,000 M.T. AS OPPOSED TO THE EC'S EARLIER PROPOSED 285,800 M.T. (REF A). EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL (LUCACCIONI) STATED THAT THE AGREED UPON UMR OF 100,000 M.T. IS IN BULK WHEAT WHEREAS LAST YEAR'S UMR OF 50,000 M.T. WAS IN FLOUR, ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO 80,000 M.T. OF WHEAT. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO POSITIONS, HE POINTED OUT, IS THEREFORE UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT THAT GREAT.

3. THERE WILL BE NO CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON THE
FOOD AID BECUASE A) THE SITUATION IS URGENT B) THE EC
CONSIDERS IT AN AMENDMENT TO A PACKAGE ON WHICH THERE HAVE
ALREADB BEEN CONSULTATIONS, AND C) THE EC COUNCIL HAD AGREED
BEFOREHAND THAT DELIVERY SHOULD BEGIN AS SOON AS NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN SRK LANKA AND THE EC WERE OVER (EC COUNCIL
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